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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 15, 2002, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for One Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 3, 8, 11 and 15-17 as follows:

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(Twice Amended) A network system comprising:

a plurality of terminals interconnected via a network; and

a controller that controls the terminals via the network;

the controller comprising:

selecting means for selecting one of the plurality of terminals; and

requesting means for requesting the selected terminal to transmit, to the

controller, information on all the interconnected terminals;

wherein the selected terminal transmits a request to the other interconnected terminals to obtain the information on the other terminals, receives the information from the